

Glenn Rigden: Award of Merit

Glenn Rigden is a mechanical engineer with an intense interest in and concern for engineering works of heritage value, and for their conservation. As a project manager for major industrial projects Glenn shows enormous energy in ensuring project delivery with an understanding of detail across all disciplines. He has carried this drive and grasp of the issues into his voluntary work with Engineers Australia.

Glenn joined the Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee in 1999 and has since made a major contribution in numerous ways – not only in the routine work of the Committee but in energetically pursuing specific projects, in representing the Committee and in championing the conservation of heritage works with a special emphasis on industrial heritage; he has done this while maintaining a very high pressure business.

He became Chair of the Committee in 2002 and with his energy and managerial ability provided a strong focus to its work for seven years before relinquishing the position in 2008. He was the driving force behind the Committee's preparation of many nominations to the NSW State Heritage Register and of the information pamphlet *Engineering and Industrial Heritage*, for the NSW Heritage Office. Glenn also took a lead role in the organisation of the 2005 International Engineering Heritage Conference.

He was the Committee's representative on the Roads and Traffic Authority's Heritage Committee from 2001 to 2007 and on the board of Engineering Heritage Australia from 2002 to 2007.

Glenn has prepared two nominations for the plaquing of significant works – the Goulburn Waterworks, and the 1838 Victoria Pass which was declared a National Engineering Landmark. He was also responsible for the development and maintenance of the highly commended Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee website.

He is a member of the Australian Railway Historical Society and was a foundation member of the Australian Society for the History of Engineering and Technology. He is also a member of the Sydney Heritage Fleet where as a volunteer he provides professional advice on mechanical engineering matters including boilers.

Through his untiring contribution to both the conservation of engineering heritage and to the work of the Sydney Engineering Heritage Committee, Glenn is a worthy recipient of this award.

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